

Application No. 10/644,622

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney appreciates the thorough search conducted by the examiner in finding the newly cited reference to Ustin et al. After careful review, it does not appear that Ustin et al anticipates applicant's claimed invention. Claim 1 as it appears prior to this amendment recites both "a first cam surface" and "a second cam surface". Ustin et al discloses only a single cam surface with both sets of clamping dies being driven from the same surface. Applicant's dual cam arrangement allows for changing the cycle times of each set of dies so that one set can advance before another.

The allowability of claims 5-7 and the allowance of claims 8-11, 14, 16-17 and 20 is noted and appreciated.

Notwithstanding the patentable distinction of using two sets of cam surfaces as recited in claim 1, applicant has further amended claim 1 by incorporating the allowable subject matter of claim 7. Thus, claim 1 is distinguishable over the cited art not only for the dual cam arrangement but also for the additional feature of die release prior to full cycling of the indenter.

In view of the patentable features set forth above, it is submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance and such allowance is requested. In addition, claim 4 is at least allowable due to dependency on allowable claim 1. Since this amendment places all claims in form for allowance, the examiner is urged to grant such allowance and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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